

The City Council met in adjourned session at the hour of 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the day above written, for adoption of the FY 2008 Budget.

Present were Councilmembers Calhoun, Dages, Duncan, Sterling, Westerlund, Xiong and Council President Perea, City Manager Souza, City Attorney Sanchez, City Clerk Klisch, Assistant City Clerk Salazar, Budget Manager Smith, and necessary staff.

President Perea led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Chief of Staff White shared with the Council an award that was presented to the Mayor this date from Valley CAN for the city's clean air efforts.

(2:00 P.M.) ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET

(A) ADOPTION OF THE FY 2008 CITY OF FRESNO BUDGET AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) BUDGET, INCLUDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION (AAR)

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-214 - ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FY 2008 AND APPROPRIATING TO THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AMOUNTS SET FORTH FOR THE PURPOSES NAMED HEREIN (AAR)

2. ADOPTION OF THE POSITION ALLOCATION (PAR)

a. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-215 - ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS AUTHORIZED IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES OF THE CITY FOR FY 2008

3. ADOPTION OF THE PROPERTY TAX OVERRIDE ORDINANCE

a. BILL NO. B-56 - ORDINANCE NO. 2007-52 - AUTHORIZING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A PROPERTY TAX ON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF FRESNO FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF THE FRESNO FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND THE FRESNO CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007

4. ADOPTION OF THE FY 2008 GANN APPROPRIATION LIMIT RESOLUTION

a. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-216- SELECTING THE METHOD TO DETERMINE GANN APPROPRIATION LIMIT, RELATING TO THE FY 2008 BUDGET

5. ADOPTION OF THE FY 2008 SALARY RESOLUTION

a. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-217 - ESTABLISHING RULES FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION RATES AND SCHEDULES AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS, AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION RATES AND SCHEDULES FOR FY 2008

6. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-218 - APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2008 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR CDBG, HOME, ESG, AND ADDI PROGRAM FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL IMPLEMENTING DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY HUD

A motion and second was made to adopt Resolution #1.

Upon question of City Manager Souza, Councilmember Sterling clarified her motion for \$350,000 for gang suppression/intelligence was to come from within existing police department resources.

Councilmember Calhoun stated this was one of smoothest budget processes he had been through since being on the Council and he was proud to be a part of this body; advised he has a concern relative to Capital Plans in this budget based on yet to be issued bonds and future projects stating Council needed to understand where the City was at and where it was going in regards to issuing bonds; formally requested a Master Plan Workshop to discuss the City's current debt and what it means specifically for future bonding capacity; and elaborated further on his concern and future projects and requests, and presented questions directed to the City Manager and Controller.

Councilmember Duncan concurred this had been one of the smoothest processes; stated this was a collaborative budget and it was his hope the Mayor would accept it so the City could move on; stated there were great issues/alternatives to deal with now and this was a tremendous time to be a council member and a citizen; and stated Fresno was a big city and things would have to be prioritized and he felt everyone would be happy with the results achieved by the end of the year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Harley Turner spoke in opposition to the proposed river project and all “pet” projects.

Chris Schneider, Central California Legal Services, thanked Council for their consideration of funding for the EITC.

Upon question of Councilmember Calhoun, Mr. Souza confirmed the error in the parks budget relative to the Fig Garden Loop park had been corrected and it would be reflected in the final budget.

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-214 - ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FY 2008 AND APPROPRIATING TO THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AMOUNTS SET FORTH FOR THE PURPOSES NAMED HEREIN (AAR)

On motion of Councilmember Duncan, seconded by Councilmember Sterling, duly carried, RESOLVED, the above entitled Resolution No. 2007-214 hereby adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Calhoun, Duncan, Sterling, Westerlund, Xiong, Perea
Noes	:	Dages
Absent	:	None

2. ADOPTION OF THE POSITION ALLOCATION (PAR)

a. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-215 - ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS AUTHORIZED IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES OF THE CITY FOR FY 2008

Councilmember Dages noted the Mayor stated the Deputy Mayor was needed to push City projects and stated that was the City Manager’s job -- not the Deputy Mayor’s, and added the Charter indicated management of the City would be conducted by the City Manager and not the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, and made a motion to adopt the PAR with the deletion of the Deputy Mayor position. Upon question, City Attorney Sanchez clarified legislative action was at the prerogative of the City Council and the motion was permissible. Upon call, the motion died for lack of a second.

On motion of Councilmember Duncan, seconded by President Perea, duly carried, RESOLVED, the above entitled Resolution No. 2007-215 hereby adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Calhoun, Duncan, Sterling, Westerlund, Xiong, Perea
Noes	:	Dages
Absent	:	None

3. ADOPTION OF THE PROPERTY TAX OVERRIDE ORDINANCE

a. BILL NO. B-56 - ORDINANCE NO. 2007-52 - AUTHORIZING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A PROPERTY TAX ON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF FRESNO FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF THE FRESNO FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND THE FRESNO CITY EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007

On motion of Councilmember Westerlund, seconded by Acting President Xiong, duly carried, RESOLVED, the above entitled Bill No. B-56 adopted as Ordinance No. 2007-52, by the following vote:

Ayes	:	Calhoun, Dages, Duncan, Sterling, Westerlund, Xiong, Perea
Noes	:	None
Absent	:	None

4. ADOPTION OF THE FY 2008 GANN APPROPRIATION LIMIT RESOLUTION

a. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-216- SELECTING THE METHOD TO DETERMINE GANN APPROPRIATION LIMIT, RELATING TO THE FY 2008 BUDGET

On motion of Councilmember Westerlund, seconded by President Perea, duly carried, RESOLVED, the above entitled Resolution No. 2007-216 hereby adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes : Calhoun, Dages, Duncan, Sterling, Westerlund, Xiong, Perea
Noes : None
Absent : None

5. ADOPTION OF THE FY 2008 SALARY RESOLUTION

a. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-217 - ESTABLISHING RULES FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION RATES AND SCHEDULES AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS, AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION RATES AND SCHEDULES FOR FY 2008

On motion of Councilmember Westerlund, seconded by Councilmember Sterling, duly carried, RESOLVED, the above entitled Resolution No. 2007-217 hereby adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes : Calhoun, Dages, Duncan, Sterling, Westerlund, Xiong, Perea
Noes : None
Absent : None

6. RESOLUTION NO. 2007-218 - APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2008 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR CDBG, HOME, ESG, AND ADDI PROGRAM FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL IMPLEMENTING DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY HUD

On motion of Councilmember Sterling, seconded by Councilmember Westerlund, duly carried, RESOLVED, the above entitled Resolution No. 2007-218 hereby adopted, by the following vote:

Ayes : Calhoun, Dages, Duncan, Sterling, Westerlund, Xiong, Perea
Noes : None
Absent : None

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President Perea thanked Budget Manager Smith and her staff stating all their hard work was much appreciated, and concurred this had been a smooth process and added this was a well balanced budget that addressed many needs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the City Council, the hour of 2:28 p.m. having arrived and hearing no objections, President Perea declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved on the ____26th____ day of ____June____, 2007.

____/s/ Blong Xiong____ ATTEST: ____/s/____
Henry T. Perea, Council President Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk